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# Forest Service Reopens More Than Three Quarters of Powerhouse Fire Closure Area

**ARCADIA, Calif.** —On Oct. 23, 2014, Angeles National Forest officials reopened more than three quarters of the Powerhouse Fire closure area north of Santa Clarita. The closure order for the remaining area expires one year from now unless officials determine otherwise.

The Powerhouse Fire started in late May 2013 and burned 30,275 acres. Officials closed 104,828 acres affected by the fire last year. The remaining 23,442 acres of burned area will remain closed as officials have determined that additional time is needed for recovery.

Areas reopened include Grass Mountain, Jupiter Mountain, I-5 Corridor, Burnt Peak, Fish Creek, the Sawmill/Liebre area and parts of the Pacific Crest Trail. Areas remaining closed include those adjacent to Hughes Canyon Road, Fish Creek, Elizabeth Canyon Road and roads 7N01 and 7N02.

The Fire Danger level on the Angeles is at Very High. Wood or charcoal fires are allowed in open, developed campsites only where a metal fire ring or stove is provided. All stoves and fires require a valid California Campfire permit.

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